Administration on Aging And Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Aging and Disability Resource Center Grant Program

Organizational Name: Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Medicaid

Project Title: Idaho Community-Based Aging and Disability Resource Center

Total Project Period: 9/30/2005 – 9/30/2008

Total Award Amount: \$800,000

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Project's Overall Design: The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare will be the lead agency in developing an ADRC that will service three communities. Idaho's 211 CareLine service will function as the single point of entry to long-term care services. Consumers will be connected to an integrated Access Team of four full-time staff persons, one of which is from a local Area Agency on Aging. Benefits counseling, eligibility screening and determination, and assistance with accessing private and public long-term care funds are some of the services this ADRC will provide to improve the coordination of service delivery between local and state agencies that service target populations.

Target Population:

- Year One Persons 60 and older
- Year Two & Three Persons 60 and older and individuals physical disabilities

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Persons aged 60 and older, persons with physical disabilities, and their caregivers will access the Resource Center for information and assistance
- Agencies involved will complete eligibility determinations for services in a way that appears seamless to the consumer and avoids duplication of information provision
- Consumers will utilize programs and benefits that can help them to remain in the community
- People in targeted populations will live independently in the community longer
- Public awareness of both private and public long-term care support options will increase in targeted communities

Involvement of Stakeholders and Community Based Organizations:

Advisory Committee: individuals with disabilities; caregivers; family members; Real Choice System Change state grantee; and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare Partners: Department of Health and Welfare; Idaho CareLine 211; State Independent Living Centers; Idaho Commission on Aging; Centers for Independent Living; Area Agencies on Aging; Boise State University Center for the Study of Aging; AARP; Idaho Assistive Technology Project; and the Governor's Office